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ACTION MEMORANDUM

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To: The Secretary

From: PM [Signature] Ronald I. Spiers

Sale of F-5s to Libya

Now that you have decided to hold in abeyance the sale of F-5 aircraft to Libya, replies can be made to letters from Mr. Laird and the Spanish Foreign Minister.

Mr. Laird recommended sale of the F-5B either from US or Spanish production. He also asked you to resolve the problem raised by storage costs for the aircraft. We propose that you inform Mr. Laird that:
(a) the sale of F-5s to Libya is being held in abeyance;
(b) if our policy changes in the future we plan to offer F-5B trainers and (c) we therefore agree to the sale to other countries of the F-5As presently in storage but we wish to keep available for delivery to Libya the one F-5B.

The Spanish Foreign Minister requested US approval to sell Spanish assembled F-5Bs to Libya. The proposed reply informs him that you desire to hold in abeyance for now a decision on delivery of F-5s to Libya from the US and that we thus cannot agree at this time to the sale from Spanish production.

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② PM/MAS: C PAPPAS

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Recommendation:

That you sign the attached letters to Mr. Laird
and to the Spanish Foreign Minister. (TAB A)

Attachments:

TAB A - Letters to Mr. Laird
and Spanish Minister
TAB B - Letters from Mr. Laird
and Spanish Minister

Drafted: PM/MAS: C ^{cm} Pappas: bmh
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Concurrences:

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EUR/SPP: Mr. Landau ^{cm}
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